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of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention for improving administration of criminal justice system to ensure prevention of atrocities against Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society.

Insurgency problem in North-East

1909. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to recognise the insurgency problem of North-Eastern States as a national problem like that of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the present arrangement of deployment of Indian Army to combat the insurgency in North-East; and

(c) whether Government are initiating a meaningful dialogue with the insurgent groups of North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government of India recognises that the militancy problem of North Eastern States has to be fought by both the Central and State Governments together.

(b) According to the Ministry of Defence, the level of deployment of army is considered to be adequate for management of counter insurgency operations.

(c) Government of India are already in dialogue with the NSCN(I/M) and the Bodo Liberation Tiger. Government is committed to restoration of peace and has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of our constitution.